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Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/888,439  
Filing Date: 06/26/2001  
Title: BUYER-DRIVEN TARGETING OF PURCHASING ENTITIES  
Inventor(s): Mark LANDESMANN  
Our Ref.: 084561-0108

Dear Mr. Weinhardt:

This is a follow-up to my filing of a new Petition to Make Special. As I explained, we never received your Action dated December 27, 2001 on our first Petition until it was faxed to us on March 4, 2002.

This probably was a Brentwood Post Office problem due to the anthrax problem at that site. We had sent a Status Inquiry dated February 12, 2002 to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, but did not receive a response until March 19, 2002 which was after the two-month response period set in your Action. On March 4 when I received your Office Action, I called you and explained the problem.

Your recommendation was to either file a petition relating to the failure to receive your initial Action, (which would be quite expensive for the client) or file a New Petition to Make Special with the necessary corrections to obviate the rejection points in your Office Action. You indicated that you would act on the Petition immediately if we faxed it to you. We did fax on March 5, 2002 the New Petition along with a Preliminary Amendment to cancel claims in order to obviate a problem raised in your Action.

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I called you on March 7, 2002 to follow-up. You indicated that the file had to be sent for processing to enter the Preliminary Amendment. You stated that when it was returned, you would act on the New Petition.

I called on March 13, 2002 to determine the status of the New Petition. You indicated the United States Patent and Trademark Office had lost the file.

I spoke to you on March 29, 2002 and you indicated that the file was still lost.

We would like to propose sending you a copy of our file to replace the lost file so that the New Petition can be acted upon.

Please advise.

Very truly yours,

  
William T. Ellis

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Re: Serial No.: 09/888,439  
Inventor(s): Mark LANDESMANN  
Filing Date: June 26, 2001  
Title: **BUYER-DRIVEN TARGETING OF PURCHASING ENTITIES**

**Attached is a letter dated April 9, 2002.**

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